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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 5-10, 12-18, 20, 4 and 11 which will appear as 1-18 respectively in the patent.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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**Attachment(s)**

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
**JAMES M. HEWITT  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the original Examiner's Amendment mailed 11/8/04, the Examiner changed the dependency of claims 7-9, 12-18 and 20 to the corresponding claims as they would appear renumbered at issuance of the patent. For instance, as claim 6 would be renumbered claim 4 in the patent (refer to box 2 in the Notice of Allowability and Supplemental Notice of Allowability), claim 7 was changed to depend from claim 4. However, this is realized to be improper and introduces confusion regarding proper dependency of the claims. In view of this, the original Examiner's Amendment is vacated and replaced with the instant Examiner's Amendment so that proper dependency is preserved. Note that claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 10, as claim 19, from which it initially depended, has been canceled.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 13, the phrase "being formed to cooperate" has been replaced with --having a second internal threaded surface, spaced in a direction along the longitudinal axis of the pipe end portion from said internal conically extending threaded circumferential surface, and cooperating--.

In claim 1 line 14, the period has been replaced with --, wherein at the end located the farthest from said end piece with the socket-like connecting element, the outer adapter and connector sleeve is formed with an inward annular flange defining a sleeve bore section of a diameter generally corresponding to the outer diameter of the pipe.--.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

In claim 4 line 11, "the threaded sleeve bore" has been replaced with --a second internally threaded bore wall portion of the elongate adapter sleeve--.

In claim 4 line 21, "a free" has been replaced with --the second--.

In claim 4 line 25, "free" has been replaced with --second--.

In claim 10 line 9, the period has been replaced with--, wherein the coupling member is formed with an inward annular flange defining a coupling bore with a diameter generally corresponding to the outside diameter of the tubular.--.

In claim 11 line 5, the phrase "an end portion of the tubular" has been replaced with --the tubular end portion--.

In claim 11 line 7, the phrase "the end portion of the tubular" has been replaced with --the tubular end portion--.

In claim 11 line 11, the phrase --until a second tapered internally threaded bore of the coupling member projects axially beyond the inner sleeve-- has been inserted after "member".

In claim 11 line 14, the phrase --until an end of the coupling member abuts an annular stop surface of the connecting member-- has been inserted after "member".

Claim 19 has been canceled.

In claim 20 line 1, "19" has been replaced with --10--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M Hewitt whose telephone number is 571-272-7084.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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